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HIGH RISK GROUP IN HIV AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether street children, tribals, truck drivers and drug users in the country have been identified as high risk group in HIV/AIDS;

(b) if so, the basis on which they have been identified and labelled as "high risk groups";

(c) the estimated numbers of such street children, tribals, truck drivers and drug users, separately in the country, State-wise living with HIV;

(d) the number of people living with AIDS in each group separately and State-wise ; and

(e) the number of deaths in each group separately since the beginning of the epidemic till date,State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, sir. Only Injecting Drug Users, truckers and street children are among the list of high risk groups included under mapping exercise in addition to Commercial Sex Workers and men having sex with men. These groups have been identified on the basis of their high risk behavior for potential transmission of HIV /AIDS.

(c), (d) & (e) These groups are not identified under surveillance on HIV/AIDS. However as per national estimate through mapping study, the number of such people are: Injecting Drug Users-96463, Truckers-21,96,591 and Street Children- 1,02,425.

The other information related to number of cases and deaths in these groups is not captured in the Management Information System under the programme.